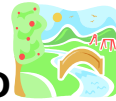




REDMOND PARK BOARD



Meeting Minutes July 6, 2006 Redmond City Hall Council Chamber Conference Room

I. Call to order/Welcome to Citizen Guests

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Park Board Chairperson Lori Snodgrass at 7:00 p.m.

Park Board members present: Chairperson Snodgrass; Co-chair: Kelsey; Board members: Dige, Bourguignon, Margeson, Stewart and Youth Advocate Duncanson.

Absent and Excused: Board member Ladd and Youth Advocate Thomas

City staff present: Craig Larsen, Parks Director; Tim Cox, Parks Planning Manager; Jean Rice, Park Administration Analyst, Dianna Broadie, Long range Planner; Terry Marpert, Policy and Comprehensive Planning Manager; Lori Peckol, Policy and Comprehensive Planning Manager; and Sharon Sato, Recording Secretary.

Audience: 2 – Ruth Ballantyne and Gizela Berreth, Redmond residents.

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval for June minutes moved for approval in August.

III. Items from the Audience

Gizela Berreth, Redmond resident, inquired about petition formatting. Larsen responded that the resident's name and address would suffice.

IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts

A. Anderson Park Wellhouse Photo – Simulations (Elevations) – provided by Public Works.

Board members discussed and commented on the drawings supplied in their packets. Concern regarding type of materials used for roof, roof pitch and siding. Snodgrass suggested faux windows and trellis to soften the structure aesthetics. Board members had concerns regarding - roof pitch, aesthetics similar to existing buildings look and feel, materials used and suggested added faux windows for softer look. Staff will report back at next meeting.

Stewart inquired if the well houses could be scaled down in size since water purification would not be taking place on site and chemical storage would no longer be needed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legacy River Park Update

Snodgrass and Kelsey had attended meeting with the Design Review Board (DRB) Chair and Vice Chair in regards to the Legacy Development. Snodgrass added that these meetings might continue to take place on other projects that affect Parks and have DRB input.

- After joint meetings Legacy has made some changes to their proposed plan:
- Plaza steps – situated differently and pulled back toward eastern property line
- Plaza – near Building C – connection to parking lot, extended northerly for – additional fire access – soften
- Removable bollards end of parking lot – into park- more pedestrian friendly
- Lighting – cut off at property line – low lighting – lighting in steps
- Clear signage for park access parking at 159th
- Street parking on Lagoon Lane and River Park Drive
- Spaces available street parking for visitors and underground parking (70 spaces)
- Buildings A & B – set back from property line 23'
- Center portion of A and B Buildings 38' height – tree level
- 5' setback, next floor up with another 5 setback
- Front of building cantilevered up – glass or sliding wood screen (Northwestern look)
- Public restrooms – available for park users – one women's, one men's
- Re-shaping plaza attachment – more amphitheater type feel and look
- Handicap access – ramping up from parking lot pathway to plaza
- Boundaries marked – park and development – metal strip division
- Clarification for dumpster location and screening will be discussed at the DRB meeting
- Trees removed will be replaced at a 3:1 ratio (4-6 removed, 14-16 replanted)
- Drainage will be addressed through the Park Dept. at a later date
- Buildings A & B are slated as condominiums
- Retail facing inside of court

Snodgrass relayed the Board's concern, to the DRB, the restaurant noise, exhaust fans and loss of view (Heron Rookery tree line and slight Cascade Mountain view) while utilizing the park. DRB response was that a water feature had been added to the design to mask the noise. Kelsey added that the impact of the structures to the park meet City code and cannot be controlled.

Kelsey added that meetings with DRB have opened the door for better communication for future project participation.

B. Park Bond Discussion

Larsen handed out a copy of a calculation sheet with an explanation of the breakdown of figures, per household, that a potential bond would generate:

- \$850,000 annual payment over 20 years (assumed interest rate) yields \$10.5 million dollars
- To generate \$850,000 annual payment – taxes increase from \$473 (average home – City share of property tax on \$383,000 home to \$505.
- \$32 per year yields \$10.5 million over a 20 year payback schedule

- *Staff will research two to three more funding source scenarios for the next Board meeting.*

VI. New Business

A. View Corridors – Development Guide Amendments - Dianna Broadie, Planning

Broadie updated the Board on the City's Development Guide Amendments pertaining to gateways and public view corridors. She explained that the process which included identifying major gateways within the City and public view corridors. These were identified by public input from workshops and through City staff. A topographic map was used to identify elevations (view points), nature roads, and public parks. Criteria was used to identify views, strongly associated with features within Redmond (Sammamish Valley, Bear Creek, etc.), majority identified as a particular view, a view seen from a public place, enforcing reasonable means of protection for a view, would the view remain over time. Conflicts with the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan were also taken into consideration. Broadie emphasized that over one half of the regulation affected Park properties.

Larsen added that when staff met, they shared the common goal of preserving view corridors within the City and encourage language that advises, clearly defines and can be incorporated into design.

Kelsey commented that one view corridor impact example is the ridgeline view from Willows Road east to the ridge line toward Redmond Woodinville Road has been compromised from the new housing development, blocking a view from both directions, due to removal of trees and construction of new homes and fencing along the street.

Snodgrass inquired what the process would be to identify these areas. Broadie responded that the process would begin with the Planning Commission. Broadie also added that comments could be taken anytime over the year.

The Board unanimously gave their approval and encouraged staff to continue to go forward.

B. Park Impact Fee Adjustment – Terry Marpert, Planning Department

Marpert gave the Board an update and asked the Board's input on impact fee adjustments. The Planning Dept. is currently updating the City's 2006 impact fees for Fire, Parks and Transportation. Last updates were made in 1999 in response to a state-wide initiative for tax increases. Marpert handed out a list of the draft fees proposed. Updated fees included: houses (single family and multi-family), offices, retail and industrial uses, non-residential uses (sports teams that use City facilities). Reasons for updating impacts fees: extension planning forecast from 2012 to 2022 (10 year extension – more growth, more residents, more park usage and increase in land values), park development costs have risen considerably.

Marpert will be presenting the proposed updated fees to the Planning Commission study session on July 12, 7:00 p.m., Redmond City Hall, 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The Park Impact fee portion will begin approximately at 9:30 p.m. Marpert has noted that it is important for Board members attend to show support of the proposed increase. A public hearing will be on Wednesday, July 19th, 7:00 p.m. The goal is to make a presentation to City council in August for final approval.

Larsen added that staff met to work on the methodology and felt that increases were very sound and justifiable and encouraged good support and turnout.

Snodgrass inquired about the anticipated number of units affected? Marpert provided the following growth information over the period from 2002-2022:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2022</u>
Population:	46,040	65,700
Single-family housing	8,972	12,323
Multi-family housing	11,668	18,064

Snodgrass inquired if these fees apply in whole to any new single family development (i.e. Education Hill Plan supports cottage type units/backyard homes. Marpert will e-mail Board members with his response.

Marpert responded that the general rule for measurable fee increases are dependant on a demand for support amenities due to construction and growth.

Marpert invited and encouraged Board members to invite friends to attend the Planning Commission meeting to show support for the Park impact fee program.

Board comments:

Bourguignon inquired if staff had met with major developers to see how this might be received? Marpert responded that the public will be notified via press on July 6, after which comments will be taken. He added that this is the first of a year long program to revise impact fees through 2007.

Stewart inquired about the percentage increase rational and expected increase in revenue. Marpert responded that there were slight changes in the number of residents in multi-family units today versus 2006 and 1999. The rate of commercial to housing space has also changes which in turn adds to change. Marpert also added and responded that the 1999 fees were based on park programs between 1995 and 2012, capital program totaled \$24 million, which park impact fees covered 80% (\$19.9 million), the new impact fees will cover 2002 to 2022, (\$37.7 million), of which park impacts fees are slated to cover 80% or \$30.1 million of capital program.

Margeson inquired as to how these fees compared to other jurisdictions in surrounding areas. Marpert responded that Bellevue, no park fees uses SEPA mitigation measures; Kirkland - \$800 per unit;; Sammamish – unknown; County uses SEPA.

Dige inquired about the overlap in fees and time increments. Marpert explained that the City determines needs by forecast years (15-20 years) out in future. Marpert has done an analysis of the period from 2002 and 2012 and considered the overlap and has taken into consideration any park land that might be needed to serve areas to provide credit to the 2022 figure.

Board members took a straw vote for support of the draft impact fee increase. Vote passed unanimously 6-0.

C. Park Board Tour

Suggested Park Board Tour preferred date and time:

Kelsey:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	4:00 p.m.
Margeson:	Monday, Wednesday	4:00 p.m.
Bourguignon	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	4:30 p.m.
Dige	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	2:00 p.m.
Stewart	Tuesday, Wednesday (no – 7/12), Thursday	4:00 p.m.
Duncanson	Tuesday, Wednesday	4:00 p.m.
Snodgrass	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	4:00 p.m.

Staff will organize and set up a time and date.

Possible, specific projects:

- Luke McRedmond
- Idylwood Beach Park

Kelsey suggested new members may have specific projects they would like to visit and suggested e-mailing tour suggestions to Cox or office staff.

Ruth Ballantyne, Redmond resident, commented she would like to see lifeguards at Idylwood Park be more vocal when guarding the beaches. She also inquired if any trees would be planted near the beach area for shade purposes. Cox responded that staff had met to discuss such a plan and also to possibly increase the beach area and provide umbrellas for day time use for shade on the beach and closer to the water.

Berreth, Redmond resident, inquired about the “no dogs on 150’ from beach” ordinance. She had experienced dogs swimming off the beach area in early morning hours and wondered what steps could be taken to enforce the ordinance. Berreth suggested dogs be allowed to swim off of the grassy area on the north end of the park, and not allowed on the beach area.

VII. **Reports**

A. CIP Budget Report

Larsen briefly discussed and explained the Capital Investment Program (CIP) handout, completed projects from 2005-2006, and previously approved projects.

Rice, Parks Planning Analyst, explained that the schedule changes for park improvements came about by staff review of the Parks Improvement Program (PIP). Projects are now listed in “action” categories. Categories are listed as: renovation and rehabilitation projects (fixing existing parks), neighborhood park restoration (reinvestment in existing neighborhood parks), community parks (reinvestment and building new community parks), facilities (all buildings), trails, resources parks, and special use parks.

Larsen explained the 2007 and 2008 Capital Investment Programs (CIP) proposals worksheet handout:

- Increase funding – park renovation fund: reinvest in current parks
- Trail development - \$75,000 year – soft surface trail construction in accordance with the City Trail Network Plan – trail links, connections between community and trails
- New projects – East Redmond Corridor Master Plan (Juel, Arthur Johnson, Farrell McWhirter, Perrigo, Trails system that connect)
- Neighborhood Park Renovation Plan – reinvest in neighborhood parks (e.g. Spiritbrook, Westside)
- East Redmond Corridor Development – completion to first phase of system
- Perrigo Park Master – Mix, Enso property integration
- NE Neighborhood Park Development – Master Plan 2009
- Splash Parks – future development of three within community parks within the city
- Sr. Center Improvements – 2008, upgrades to existing building
- Grass Lawn Ballfields – address drainage problems issues in outfields, backstop renovation, upgrade two ballfields, or possible other scenarios - upgrade one ballfield to synthetic turf, removal of other ballfield, or upgrade both fields with natural turf, parking lot, picnic area
- Hard Surface Management – on-going, sidewalks, walkways, parking area
- Perrigo Park, Phase II – after Master Plan – upgrades to newly added property
- Teen Center Parking Area – covered outdoor area, parking improvements without footprint expansion, accessibility per transportation availability

Projects are based on current levels of funding – increases would allow the project list to be re-evaluated

Staff asked the Board for comments on the CIP projects list and to e-mail those comments to staff.

B. Project Status Updates

- Idylwood Park – Sand volleyball is now open, picnic shelter materials have been ordered – construction begin late summer
- Bear Creek Trail – Safeway Trail – on hold due to wet conditions, 60 days to completion
- Anderson Park Cabins – construction bids opened, possible re-bid
- Grass Lawn Phase III – working with consultant and architect to respond to Board comments – 3 variations on previous plan – preliminary input to Design Review Board scheduled July 20, consultant to attend August meeting

IX. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Stewart
Second by: Margeson
Approved: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

By: _____
Lori Snodgrass, Chair

Date _____

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

Next Regular Meeting

August 3, 2006

7:00 p.m.

City Hall Building - 15670 NE 85th St.

Council Conference Room - 1st Floor